THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Approval of plan for construction of building is done as per prevailing building Bye-Laws enacted by the State Governments for cities/towns. However, procedure for obtaining clearances from various departments may vary from State to State.

(c) to (e) A Committee set up by the Government under the Chairmanship of Shri V. Govindrajan has recommended *inter-alia* the following to avoid procedural delays in obtaining approval for construction of buildings:—

(i) The system of approval of building plans from local authorities needs to be streamlined. In case the local authority fails to decide the application within stipulated time, the approvals should be deemed to have been given.

(ii) The powers of approval of building plans may also be given to architects registered under the Architects Act, 1972. Based on the certification by the architects, intimation to the local authority should be deemed sufficient.

(iii) Enactment of a suitable legislation or alternate arrangements such as amendment in the Rules of Business, etc., by the State Governments for instituting Single Window System for approvals.

The above recommendations of the Committee have been forwarded to all the State Governments for adoption and is being pursued.

Expenditure under NURM

†1905. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to incur an amount of Rs. one lakh crores for urban development under National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) during the next seven years;

(b) if so, the date on which this decision was taken;

(c) by when this decision would be implemented in the country; and

(d) the details of the amount decided to be incurred year-wise, during the plan period of seven years?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision was taken on 17th November, 2005.

(c) The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched on 3rd December, 2005 and the same is under implementation.

(d) The Government of India has to commit Rs. 50,000 crore over a period of seven years beginning from 2005-06, against an amount of rupees one lakh crore proposed investment. Rs. 834.00 crore and Rs. 4953.93 crore have been allocated (excluding provision for Union Territories with legislature and Union Territories without legislature) for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively. The balance out of Rs. 50,000 crore is expected to be provided in the remaining years by the Government of India.

Bio-medical Waste Unit

†1906. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government sought proposals for two hospitals each from every State for approval of bio-medical waste unit;

(b) the basis of this criterion; and

(c) whether it is not apt to set benchmarks of State population, the number of hospitals or the number of sanctioned beds in hospitals for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has invited proposals for setting up of pilot project/demonstration project on bio-medical waste management.

(b) and (c) The aim of the scheme is to implement pilot projects to have a demonstration effect by providing financial assistance to identified

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